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The Editorial Outlook

A PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

From the Order of Service for the Inauguration of the Church of South India

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who alone art the author of unity, peace and concord, we thank Thee for the Churches in this our land and for Thy grace in choosing us to be members and ministers in Thy Church. We bless Thee for our fellowship, and for our rich inheritance. We praise Thee for Thy messengers from other lands who brought the Gospel of Thy Kingdom to this land, and for those who have faithfully proclaimed it to succeeding generations, and for all who have prayed and laboured for the union of Churches, especially in South India. Thou hast heard the prayers of Thy people and blessed the labours of Thy servants, and hast brought us to this day for the glory of Thy Name. In obedience to Thy will and led by Thy Spirit, as we accept one another as fellow ministers, do Thou strengthen the bonds between us and unite us and make us one body, Thyself, O Christ, being its Head. Make us all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity. Grant that this Church may ever be zealous in commending Thy glorious Gospel to the millions in this land, that India may find in Thee the goal of all her seeking and the fulfillment of her noblest aspirations. Hasten the time, O God, when throughout the world there shall be one flock, one Shepherd, and in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

“WHAT will be worth while attempting in the interests of the kingdom of God is to bring about in reality one visible Church, possessing a common life, a common ministry, and common sacraments. Such an ideal alone is worth our prayers, efforts and sacrifices. Such alone will prove to the world the reality of the Christian Faith. . . . The realization of such an ideal will come, not by mere federation of

churches—however good that may be—but by organic union.”

With these words the Right Rev. V. S. Azariah, Bishop of Dornakal in South India, expressed his own high hopes for the Christians of South India when he spoke before the Second World Conference on Faith and Order at Edinburgh in 1937. The movement toward organic union of the churches of South India had already been gathering momentum for eighteen years. For many years it had been the burden of Bishop Azariah’s “prayers, efforts, and sacrifices.” Although Bishop Azariah did not live to see it, last month the “ideal” was given actual form and substance.

In the Cathedral of St. George in Madras, over 2500 people congregated to witness the consecration of nine bishops of the new Church of South India. There are to be fourteen bishops. Joining in the creation of the new church were the Anglicans of the South Indian Dioceses of the Church of India, Burma, and Ceylon, the South Indian districts of the Methodist Church (British), and the South India United Church made up of an earlier union of Presbyterian, Reformed, and Congregational bodies. It is the wide variation in traditions and ecclesiastical forms encompassed by the union that is most noteworthy.

The definition of relationships between the Church of South India and the Anglican Church will be considered at the Lambeth Conference of 1948, attended by the Bishops of the whole of the world-wide Anglican Communion. In sending greetings to the Church of South India, the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote: “While, then, there will be anomalies and irregularities in the new Church for a time at least, there are of course other features which are wholly to be welcomed and which give great ground for hope that though the South India Church will not be a constituent part of the Anglican Communion, it may at length be in full communion with us.”

Although final decision on the relationship of the South India Church and the Anglican Church may not be reached at Lambeth, satisfactory progress would be a source of encour-

agement to union plans in other parts of the British Commonwealth, and indeed wherever there is a strong body of Anglicans.

The significance of the place of the ceremony should not be lost to Americans. St. George's Cathedral in Madras is one of those edifices—a replica of St. Martin's in the Fields in London—which were built by the British while they were at their zenith of power in India. At the time of their erection such edifices were not only houses of worship but were as symbols of the then wide cleavage between Indians and Englishmen. At the service last month, Indian and Englishman sat side by side; Indian bishop and English bishop, along with Presbyters, joined in the consecration; Indian and Englishman asserted the place of Christianity in independent India! Recent riots and flarings of hatred in India give added weight to the words of the National Christian Council in commemoration of Independence Day—"It is the special vocation of Christians to foster a spirit of mutual good-will and trust among different communities and political parties in both dominions."

As we watch the development of regional union churches we see, as well, a question, "no bigger than a man's hand" at the present time. But the question may grow larger. Communion have international ties, built around bodies of thought that are not necessarily national in origin. Thus the Methodists of America have fellowship with Methodists of Scandinavia or of China. The Church of South India, however, is simply and solely what the name implies,—the non-Roman church of a region. With no larger loyalty and no consciousness of a larger fellowship, it is possible that in time these union churches might become hand-maidens and apologists for a social order that is indigenous to a particular nation or region. Such a church might unconsciously build its foundations, at least in part, on political sands.

Hence it is crucial for union churches to set themselves within the framework of a larger ecumenicity, to be always conscious that they are part of a fellowship in Christ that knows no boundaries of region, and part of a ministry for Christ that speaks to each person and all peoples. Although the new Church will continue at least some forms of fellowship with the world bodies of various communions, the link between South India and the World Council is, one hopes, destined to emphasize the integration of the new church with world Christianity.

Few recent events in the world of religion have had such significant implications. The effects on Indian Christians, and indeed on all

Indians, are central; but reverberations will be felt throughout all Christendom. Already the non-Roman Churches of Ceylon are considering a similar organic union, and another has been proposed for Australia. This union, actually consummated, may give impetus to various movements toward organic union in America.

Roughly classified, there are three general patterns of progress toward Christian unity: organic union; federation in councils of churches; and, in between these two, the proposal for federal union. We are not necessarily suggesting that the South India pattern is the best for America; but it is undoubtedly a highly significant development which should be carefully studied.

AS OTHERS SEE US

The following is a portion of a report of "Impression of Church Life in America" during an extended visit recently by an English woman, Alice R. Binstead. It appeared in the September, 1947, issue of "The Church in the World."

"I WAS greatly impressed by the strength of interdenominational work in the States, and it seemed to me that many of the hurdles which still impede our efforts to get together here had been safely passed over there. It seems easier for the Protestant Churches to speak with one voice on the issues of the day, and with sufficient authority to command attention. The official statement of the Federal Council on 'The Churches and World Order' was given the widest publicity, and soon after my arrival in the United States, their statement on relations with Russia was published *in extenso* by the *New York Times*, and quoted in the press of practically every State.

"It was a rare privilege to attend the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of Churches at Seattle—to see there the strength of a common Protestant Front, and to realize how great an instrument for action in social and economic issues it can be, and what a great contribution it can make to the World Ecumenical Movement. The whole conference was packed with interest, but for me, the discussions on 'Joint Church Planning and Strategy,' and 'Achievements of the Churches in working for better Race Relations' stand out. And what a thrill it was to meet and hear there Pastor Martin Niemöller—to hear his testimony that he had been greatly tempted to preach a 'comfortable' gospel to Germany, but he had been constrained to call his country to the way of Repentance, of which the Stuttgart Declaration was the first step."

Progress in Religion and Health

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMISSION WILL BE IN NOVEMBER

By SEWARD HILTNER

Executive Secretary, Department of
Pastoral Services

A MEASURE of the progress now taking place in the relationship of religion to health may be gained from the main address at the recent convention of the American Protestant Hospital Association, given by Russell L. Dicks, Chaplain of Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago. It was received as one of the strongest and most comprehensive resumés on this subject that has yet appeared. Through courtesy of the Association and of *Modern Hospital Magazine*, which will publish the address in full, excerpts are given below.

"To understand the chaplain's contribution to the care of the patient one must understand the nature of illness itself. . . . illness is basically, from the standpoint of the patient . . . a spiritual problem, and health is a spiritual condition. . . . Medical science . . . says we become sick, both physically and mentally, because of inadequate ways in which we learn to handle our emotions of fear, guilt feelings and loneliness. . . .

"Illness which is . . . even partially psychogenic has tremendous implications for religion, for religion deals with the interpretation of life and attempts to put meaning into living. To fail to help people who have problems of this nature is to fail as completely as if we failed to treat an organic disease. . . ."

There are "five great crises of illness," all being essentially spiritual from the patient's point of view: "acceptance of one's diagnosis . . . the surgical operation . . . a physical handicap following treatment . . . long convalescence, when loneliness sets in, when the spirit dries up and the mind turns in upon itself . . . death . . .

"The art of surgery is in knowing what to cut and what not to cut. The art of ministering to the sick is in knowing what to ask and what not to ask, what to say and what not to say; when to pray and when not to pray; when to leave and when to stay. . . . the physician welcomes us as allies when we work along sound lines. . . .

"If illness is . . . essentially a spiritual problem, the church hospital with-

out a chaplain is failing in the very task for which it was established. . . . To be sure we have made great progress. . . . Even so . . . too few of our church hospitals have chaplains, especially trained chaplains."

An important step toward this goal was taken September 18 when plans were set in motion for formation of a Lutheran Hospital Association by the administrators of 25 of the 87 Lutheran hospitals in the United States. Many of these hospitals have also long been members of the American Protestant Hospital Association, which has functioned since 1920 as the agent for promoting common purposes among the 450 Protestant hospitals in the United States. The new Lutheran organization is expected to have aims and functions for the Lutheran groups similar to those of the general Protestant group. This progressive move by the Lutheran group should also result in strengthening of the general Protestant effort in the hospital field.

It is estimated that well over two hundred theological students and ministers took clinical pastoral training during this past summer in twenty-one training centers. An equal number are receiving similar training on a part-time basis during the school year. Altogether nearly 2,000 have received this form of training since it was initiated in 1923.

Some of the broad implications of religion's relation to health may be seen in three special schools which were held during the summer. Nearly sixty ministers attended the fifth year of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies' Summer Session. Five clergymen attended the special school on sex education conducted by the University of Pennsylvania through its School of Medicine and School of Education. While the clergy who had expected to attend the Workshop in Education and Fitness were unable to do so, this special course under the auspices of George Williams College will be open in future years to ministers.

The extent to which this point of view is being recognized by national and community groups is suggested in the plans of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene which will have, for the first time at its annual meeting

in November, a session devoted to cooperation by the clergyman and psychiatrist.

Fundamental to development of working relationships between religion and health are basic public health services, so much taken for granted in large cities.

The Federal Council was one of sixty-five agencies represented at a conference on local health units sponsored in September by the American Public Health Association. After reviewing the evidence, such as that demonstrating that a third of the national population is without the services of an organized health department and an additional third is served by a staff which is obviously insufficient, the conference set forth workable and non-controversial standards to aid local areas as they move toward more adequate services. The significance of local initiative was fully recognized by the conference. Further information may be secured from the American Public Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y., whose Executive Secretary, R. M. Atwater, M.D., is also Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council's Commission on Religion and Health.

The month of November, which is the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Federal Council's Commission on Religion and Health, is also the 100th anniversary of the entrance of the first woman into a medical school. On November 7, 1847, Elizabeth Blackwell entered medical school at Geneva, N. Y., and two years later became the first woman M.D. in the world. The American Medical Women's Association is planning to erect a Blackwell Memorial Hall on the campus of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. Of the day of difficult decision Elizabeth Blackwell wrote in her journal, "Doubt and dread of what might be before me gathered in my mind. I was overwhelmed with sudden terror of what I was undertaking. In an agony of mental despair I cried out, 'Oh God, help me, support me! Lord Jesus, guide, enlighten me!' My very being went out in this yearning cry for Divine help. Suddenly, overwhelming-

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Strategy Meeting is Held By Philadelphia Churches

DELEGATES OF 15 COMMUNIONS PARTICIPATE

THAT Protestant lay and clerical leadership in the Philadelphia area has a growing concern for united planning, was evidenced by the attendance at a Conference on Protestant Strategy for Greater Philadelphia, held on September 26, in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa., under the auspices of the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

Representatives were present from 15 communions in proportion to their numerical strength in the area. Lay men and women outnumbered clergymen two to one. As the day progressed, the wisdom of denominational leaders in suggesting delegates for this conference was made apparent by the questions and remarks by lay men and women, who have served sacrificially, both denominationally and interdenominationally, in this large community.

These 150 Christian leaders spent six hours together in the most concentrated facing of the Protestant situation ever experienced in Philadelphia. The program had been designed to develop the thinking of those in attendance toward increasing concreteness as the day progressed. The opening address, following a brief worship service, was made by Dr. George W. McClelland, President of the University of Pennsylvania. His address concerned itself with the views which our increasingly college-trained population is taking of the apathy and divisiveness of the Church on matters of broad social concern. The impatience of the younger generation with the acknowledged defects of denominational divisions becomes more apparent in every discussion of religion, he said. His address served to remind the delegates that a large body of earnest young people wanted the Church to move more rapidly toward the application of the Gospel it professed. Dr. McClelland decried the result of the Protestant approach to the separation of Church and State which has taken every vestige of religion out of the curriculum. He commended the growth of weekday religious instruction, and the test it will soon have before the U. S. Supreme Court, as a means of returning religion in some degree to public education and awakening interest of the public in this matter.

Dr. J. Quinter Miller produced out of his wide experience concrete illustrations of the growth of the Council movement and of the way in which denominations, through their community councils, were able to bring the influence of the Church to bear upon educational, social, moral, and legislative problems. His factual presentation showed how the Philadelphia Council could meet many similar problems in the area.

Clear statements and additional information were provided by Dr. Miller in the question and answer period which followed the presentation and was conducted by the Chairman of the Conference, Dr. Rex S. Clements. For three weeks before this event, the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational and Christian Churches had loaned to Philadelphia the services of Rev. Philip Widenhouse. Mr. Widenhouse has been a member of that staff for seven years and associated with the Field Research Staff under the direction of Dr. H. Paul Douglass. Mr. Widenhouse was asked to select an area of Philadelphia in which would be found problems typical of a growing city and of Protestant work in that city. His selection was supported by Dr. Douglass' knowledge of Philadelphia through a brief denominational survey he conducted a few years ago. During most of September, Mr. Widenhouse secured the cooperation of the Health and Welfare Council, the City Planning Commission, and similar agencies which put at his disposal data necessary to supplement that which he himself developed. As soon as Dr. Widenhouse began the presentation at this conference of his conclusions through graphs, charts, maps and factual statements, it was at once apparent that Philadelphia Protestants were in a position to see themselves objectively for the first time in one small sector of the city. He had scarcely finished his presentation before the questions began from the floor. A new insight into the whole problem of urban life had been given just previously by Mr. Robert Buchanan Mitchell, executive director of the City Planning Commission, who had urged upon the delegates the necessity of the church providing the basic

motivation without which city planning becomes a mechanical and physical process only.

The address climaxing the evening was made by Dr. Hermann N. Moore of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. His masterly presentation of the inscassable need of concerted Protestant action for the salvation of the community as well as the Church was so convincing as to leave those present with the feeling that there was no other alternative. This conviction sound also throughout the summary remarks of Dr. Paul Waitman Hoon, President of the Philadelphia Council of Churches. Dr. Hoon outlined the various activities carried on by the Philadelphia Council of Churches which might constitute tactics leading toward a strategy. These included the Council's work in radio, race relations, Christian education, women's work, world relief, comity, etc. He pointed out that the primary necessity for an intelligent strategy was the possession of adequate facts. The need for a department of survey and church extension was therefore apparent. This might be the first major step toward preparation of the kind of strategy the speakers had been describing and the conference discussing during the day.

The events of the day welded together a body of earnest church leaders who see more clearly the demands and opportunities for cooperative Christian effort in salvaging the democratic way of life.

TO CONDUCT CLOTHING DRIVE

The Indianapolis Church Federation has announced plans for a clothing drive in which they will seek to collect 25 tons of clothing, bedding and shoes for overseas relief. Even church in the Marion County area will be a receiving station for donations and it is hoped that last year's record collection of 12½ tons will be doubled. The drive, to be held from November 16 to 23, has been adopted as an official program of 25 denominations in the area.

COMMUNITY LEADERS SEE UN

Sponsored by the International Justice and Good Will Committee of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, a representative group of community leaders flew to New York in a specially-chartered plane to see the United Nations at work, according to an RN report.

Go Forth With The Light



UCC PROVIDES NEW AIDES IN STEWARDSHIP

GO FORTH WITH THE LIGHT" is the general theme chosen for this year's United Church Canvass program to be conducted in approximately 400 communities throughout the nation during the fall campaign period from November 16 to December 7, 1947, according to recent announcement by Rev. Earle B. Pleasant, National Director. Based upon the new poster picture for this year featuring a little girl standing before a church window with a lighted candle, the theme serves as an appeal and challenge to all to give expression to their religious faith by attending and supporting the church or synagogue of their choice.

"Accentuating the practical" may well represent the varied materials offered by the national office for the use of local community groups. A Work Kit containing more than 25 aids designed to help local central committees and individual churches in their canvass efforts, is one of the more popular items. A booklet entitled "Ideas That

Worked" is another helpful united program development guide.

For the first time audio-visual aids are offered in the form of a film strip which gives the steps for starting and developing a united community effort. It is titled "The United Church Canvass in Our Town U.S.A." "With The Friendliness of Jesus" is the name of a recording especially designed to stimulate and train local canvass visitors.

Other interesting materials now available which have real practical values include an advertising folder with suggestive publicity, mats and pictures, a working time schedule, sample printed brochures from other successful United Canvass communities, letter enclosures and diagrams of effective canvass techniques.

The United Church Canvass is a national effort created and supported by 17 major denominations and three national inter-church agencies such as the Federal Council of Churches, Church World Service and the Synagogue Council of America.

Charles E. Wilson, president of General Electric, is chairman of the National Sponsors Committee which includes other outstanding laymen such as Harold E. Stassen, Charles P. Taft, Henry R. Luce, James L. Kraft, William Green and Herbert Hoover.

Dr. Karl K. Quimby of the National Board of Missions of the Methodist Church is chairman of the planning committee which guides the activities of the national office.

Information about the successful establishment of a United Church Canvass program in a community can be secured by writing the National Office, United Church Canvass, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Sample materials will be sent upon request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP STRESSES VISUAL AIDS

High spot in the 58-year-old history of the World's Sunday School Association was the first postwar meeting of its World Council recently concluded in Birmingham, England. More than 100 delegates, representing 41 countries in all parts of the world, attended the meeting and took an active part.

At this meeting, the name of the World's Sunday School Association was officially changed to that of the World Council of Christian Education. This change of name came about as a result of the continued development over the years of the World's Sunday School Association into a much more inclusive organization which now deals actively with all phases of Christian education.

A new department of the World Council of Christian Education to organize and coordinate the use of visual aids in Christian education was established. Proposed by Mr. J. Arthur Rank, eminent British film producer and Chairman of the Visual Aids Committee of the World Council of Christian Education, the new department will review religious films, counsel organized bodies in the use of projected pictures and, in general, promote the use of religious still and motion pictures everywhere. This work will require the services of a full-time man in each of the cities of London, New York, and Geneva. Mr. Rank has offered to underwrite the expense of such a man in London, and Mrs. Clifford S. Heinz of Pittsburgh, Pa., will do the same for the one in New York. Arrangements have not yet been completed for the establishment of a similar office in Geneva.

Peace in the Far East Subject of New Study

CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA MOST CRITICAL AREA

A STUDY on the problems of peace in the Far East, and particularly with reference to China, Japan, and Korea, has been prepared for use by study groups by the Committee on the Far Eastern Settlement, of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace. The paper has been published over the signatures of the members of the committee, who are the following: Kenneth Scott Latourette, Chairman, Leland S. Albright, Margaret E. Barnes, Roswell P. Barnes, Eugene E. Barnett, J. W. Decker, Wynn C. Fairfield, Charles Iglehart, Robert J. McMullen, Luman J. Shafer, A. L. Warnshuis, and Richard M. Fagley, Secretary. Publication was authorized by the Executive Committee. This study is the first of a series contemplated by the committee.

Emphasizing the importance of special attention to the three countries, China, Japan and Korea, the paper points out that "here dwells one out of every four human beings on earth. Here lies the center of three wars over half a century, and a present focus of great-power tensions."

In analyzing the situation in this Far Eastern region the document illuminates such problems as these: poverty which renders the peasants incapable of developing a more abundant social life; the lack of modern industry in China and inadequate industrialization in Korea; the importance of developing healthy trade relations among the Far Eastern countries; illiteracy as a grave obstacle to social advance; the special problem presented by organized communism.

Following its analysis the Far Eastern committee enumerated 12 principles for the consideration of groups using this document as study material. Following are the 12 recommendations:

1. We believe that the Older Churches should greatly intensify their efforts to help the Younger Churches bring to the peoples of Asia a deeper understanding of those abiding principles on which any sound reconstruction of the social and international order must rest, and the spiritual dynamic to achieve it.

2. We believe that the United States should by example, precept, and offers of concrete

help, stimulate the governments of the three Far Eastern countries to undertake essential agrarian reforms and sound industrial development. . . .

3. We hold that any reparations in kind from Japan, whether in capital goods or from current production, should be limited to the surplus above what is required to maintain a standard of living adequate to good health. . . .

4. We believe that the American and other peoples of the United Nations must implement consistently the recognized right of the Chinese people, the Korean people, and the Japanese people, to choose their own form of government in accordance with their freely expressed desires, provided that this choice does not interfere with the similar right of other peoples, or violate the elementary freedoms of its own citizens.

5. We likewise believe that the United States should refrain from any attempt at imposing on the Japanese or Korean peoples our Western forms of democracy; and should oppose through the United Nations an attempt by any other state or minority forcibly to impose an alien form of government on the peoples of East Asia.

6. We believe that the American government should, in keeping with the obligations of the Charter, encourage the future Korean government, and require the Japanese government, to maintain an adequate bill of rights. . . .

7. We call upon our government to attempt to break through the circle of fear and distrust by direct negotiations with the Soviet leaders, in the hope of achieving greater understanding and mutual willingness to withdraw from advanced strategic bases in East Asia.

8. We believe that our government should facilitate the widest possible educational, scientific, and cultural exchange between the peoples of the East and West.

9. We believe that the reparations and commercial policy for Japan should be such as to enable the Chinese, Korean, and Japanese peoples to develop peaceful and mutually advantageous trade relations.

10. We urge that the United States continue to press for the agreed-upon temporary four-power trusteeship for Korea, and that the trust powers obligate themselves to report to the Trusteeship Council as a safeguard for the rights and welfare of the Korean people.

11. We urge the American people and government, and particularly our Christian agencies, to undertake, in such creative and sacrificial ways as are acceptable to the peoples directly concerned, the mobilization of scientific and technical resources required for the rapid increase of food and medical sup-

plies among the peoples of East Asia, as initial steps toward a far higher standard living in the Orient.

12. To this end, we believe that the Older and Younger Churches should join in an intensive effort to overcome illiteracy in East Asia. The aid of UNESCO, FAO, and other agencies of government should be enlisted in this undertaking. The task of social development is not technically impossible, if men of good will are sufficiently determined.

The struggle for a curative and creative peace, which alone can be a lasting peace, calls for imagination, perseverance, hope, active good will and faith—hope and faith in the possibility of such a peace; faith in the possibility of constructive action in the faith in God, who continues to rule in the affairs of men. It is a long struggle. It calls for reinforcing the Younger Churches, their witness to the transforming power of the Gospel, and therefore for a continuous and enlargement of missions. It calls for progressively knitting all the churches, both East and West, into a growing, effective fellowship. Herein lies the chief opportunity and responsibility for the churches of Christ. To this task we dedicate ourselves anew.

DR. STOWE NEW EXECUTIVE

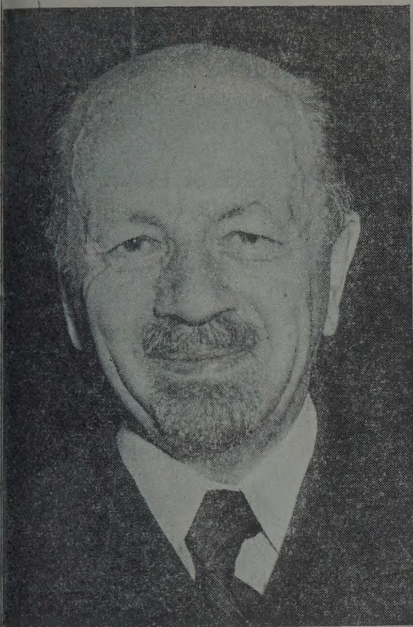
Dr. Everett M. Stowe, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students of New York, will join the executive staff of the World Council of Christian Education as Associate Secretary November 1, according to an announcement from Dr. Forrest Knapp, General Secretary of the Council.

Dr. Stowe will work with the Joint Commission of Christian Education, which is composed of representatives of the World Council of Churches, the International Missionary Council, and the World Council of Christian Education, the latter organization being formerly the World's Sunday School Association. Dr. Stowe's first project will be an intensive study of church youth movements around the world.

CONNECTICUT MINISTERS ATTEND SOCIAL WORKSHOP

The second annual Workshop sponsored by the Department of Social Service of the Greater Hartford Federation of Churches was held at the University of Connecticut in September. The theme of the workshop was "Aids to a Successful Social Ministry."

Since the ministers attending the workshop remained together for two days, the fellowship and informal discussion with the leaders were regarded as especially helpful. Those attending were enthusiastic in their statements that the session gave valuable information to workers active in the development of a more effective parish ministry.



GERMAN LEADER HERE FOR TWO-MONTH VISIT

BISHOP OTTO DIBELIUS, of the German Evangelical Church, arrived by plane on October 15 for two months in this country. After two weeks in the East he will go to Chicago early in November.

Bishop Dibelius is in this country at the invitation of the Federal Council of Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He is Bishop of Berlin and Brandenburg.

Following is a portion of the statement which he released on arrival:

"We appreciate very much the spirit in which all these innumerable packages and other things are given to a defeated country, because we quite realize that, after all that happened during the war, it is not the usual thing for a victorious nation to help the defeated in the way that the American churches are doing.

"The conditions in Europe are growing still worse. We are now looking forward to perhaps the worst winter in our whole lives. The harvest in Europe has been very unsatisfactory and the lack of fuel is very acute.

"There are signs of the beginning of a new religious outlook among university people, scientists, and some of the press and leaders in public life. There is a growing tendency to think beyond the material level and to seek the answer to our problems in things spiritual—a little more understanding of the importance of the word of Christ. And there seems to be hope that this insight may become universal, if, of course, the people can be kept alive in the meantime."

Germany's Approaching Crisis

From an appeal to the Churches of America by Dr. S. C. Michel-
felder, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation.

HERE IN FRANKFURT one is immediately aware of a tenseness. Even the young GI who was so nonchalant a few months ago now says: "It can't get much worse—something's gotta happen." The hotel manager who has lived through two world wars and the inflation in Germany between, throws up his hands in despair and says: "What's the use—there's nothing ahead."

Last night I mingled with the people in the railroad station. Hundreds of boys in their teen age were loafing about. Ask them where they are going or what they are doing, they all give you that evasive look and an answer which is no answer. It is estimated that there are 300,000 such in Germany. No home, no work, no future. Yes, there are girls, too, but they, of course, have ways of getting a candy bar, a pack of cigarettes or what have you. Old men still hunt for cigarette butts.

The Bunker Hotel, the only one in Frankfurt where Germans can get a night's lodging, is crowded every night before dark. It used to be an air raid shelter. Dozens of men, women and boys are huddled in corners trying to sleep on the floor in the railroad station. Some are rummaging in filthy bags for scraps of food which may be a dried up apple or a stale piece of bread.

It was the same everywhere. One could sum up the observations with one remark: "It can't get any worse." It is remarkable that the human body can stand so much. One Australian officer from Berlin said, "I have seen donkeys and horses break down under conditions where men and women continue to survive."

Seeing the people of a bombed out city disappear into cellars and ruins and climb out again the next morning seemingly rested and refreshed is more than I can explain. Perhaps like Bonivard in the Castle of Chillon they have become so accustomed to the slit of a window and the damp hard floor that they feel they know no other or would feel strange in another environment. This in itself is a crisis.

What is beyond the crisis? God only knows. Beyond the iron curtain is Russia. Bold and sure of herself, she sings her enchanting song. The Germans have not forgotten the "heaven on earth" song of the Nazis. They

know now that Hitler made only one promise which came true: "When I finish with Germany, you won't recognize it." Only a crisis of utter despair with starvation will trick the Germans into accepting another slave master. They may not have heard nor believed the horrors of the German concentration camp but all of them have heard and believe what Siberia stands for. The returning POW from Russia has confirmed it.

From Allied diplomacy, the German now sees the full force of the Potsdam agreement with millions of refugees from Silesia, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia crowding every available "lebensraum" in shrunken Germany.

From the church the pleas of Landesbischof Theophil Würm make it clear that pastors and people must now fall on their knees before God and pray for mercy, for now it is evident that God has laid His hand of judgment upon the German people in the devastating drought. Dr. Hans Asmussen has clearly stated that help can come only from the hand of God. The church of Germany as such has exhausted its resources to help.

What about the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Action and other denominational appeals? No one has ever dreamed that churches could assume the responsibility for mass feeding. That requires billions of dollars. Our resources are limited to millions. That the millions of meals served by Christian church workers have saved hundreds of thousands of lives cannot be questioned. That millions of German people today feel a kinship even in the crisis to their Christian brethren of the faith especially in America cannot be questioned. That they now look to Christian America in the face of this crisis is only natural.

We dare not stop now. As long as there is a hungry child in Europe, we must share. God is able to turn the tide in Europe through the gifts of Christians in America. If we lose this battle for the soul of Europe, all other battles will have been in vain. Even the battle for the survival of American liberty and justice may be lost at home. Even for the motive of self-preservation which needs no Christian

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Universal Week of Prayer to Have 101st Anniversary

THIS YEAR marks the one hundred-first anniversary for the Universal Week of Prayer, initiated by the World's Evangelical Alliance. The topics for the week, which are used in the United States, are printed and distributed in booklet form by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council. The dates are January 4-11, 1948.

The author selected by the Department to write the Week of Prayer booklet for 1948 is Rev. Hillyer Straton, minister of the First Baptist Church of Malden, Mass. This distinguished author and preacher has written the Week of Prayer around the general theme, "Prayer Changes Things."

The following are the seven daily topics: Prayer Honors God; Prayer Changes Things; When a Man Prays; Things Wrought By Prayer; The Power of Prayer; Jesus Prayed for His Disciples; Jesus Taught Us to Pray.

Wherever possible the Week of Prayer should be observed unitedly by all the churches in the community

under the sponsorship of the Ministerial Association or the Council of Churches. If this seems impossible, then individual pastors and churches will find a rich reward in participating in this world-wide fellowship of prayer.

How could a community of churches begin the New Year in a more appropriate way than by a united participation in this Week of Prayer? It is world-wide in its fellowship. Prayer is so necessary in these ominous times for there is a terrible urgency in the present world situation.

In some communities the meetings during the Week of Prayer are held in homes. This plan calls for the securing of the homes, the leaders and an adequate supply of the booklets. The ministers of the community, where this program is followed, would need to appoint a strong Week of Prayer committee at the earliest date possible. This "home plan" could be followed in the rural areas as well as in the large cities.

Everyone who attends the Week of Prayer services should have a copy for his own use. A charge of five cents per

copy would care for the cost of the booklet. In this way there would be no expense for the Ministerial Association or Council of Churches to care for. The same would be true if a local church if it decided to participate in the Week of Prayer by itself.

The Week of Prayer booklet may be ordered from: The Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

The price of the booklet is five cents per copy. A reduction of ten per cent will be given on all orders of over 30 copies.

JESSE M. BADER

Increases Made In Communion Attendance

The 8th annual observance of World Communion Day was held on October 5, marked by the first participation of the part of the Greek Orthodox Church in Greece.

"Judging from the number of inquiries received, the observance this year included churches in practically every city in the United States and in many foreign countries. The extent of the observance was about 15 per cent greater than last year," said Dr. Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism which sponsors the observance.

A number of churches this year followed their World Communion observances with special campaigns for relief. In Kansas ministers made an appeal which launched the first concentrated statewide campaign for grain. And in the churches of St. Paul and Minneapolis the day marked the beginning of a two-week campaign for old clothing for overseas shipment.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN ENDORSES CHURCH ATTENDANCE CRUSADE

An endorsement of the Church Attendance Crusade being sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America came Oct. 4 from President Truman. "If those who have become careless in attendance on Divine Service renew the practice for eight consecutive Sundays as your crusade contemplates, undoubtedly the habit would become fixed," the President said in support of the campaign which began on World Communion Day, October 5th, and continues for eight Sundays.

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NEW DIRECTOR FOR UNIVERSITY GROUP



JAMES L. FIESER of Bethesda, Maryland, has been appointed executive director of the Committee for a Christian University in Japan, to succeed Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh who was recently named an associate secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Fieser was from 1922 to 1945 the vice chairman of the American Red Cross, and has been actively associated with many national social organizations, including the National Tuberculosis

Association and the American Cancer Society.

The Committee was formed last year by joint action of the Federal Council and the Foreign Missions Conference to establish the first co-educational, interdenominational university in Japan.

In a statement accepting the directorship of the Committee, Mr. Fieser described the proposed university as a "greater leaven between nations across the Pacific than were the scholarship plans of Cecil Rhodes and others in the Western world."

"The idea of a Christian University in Japan," he added, "has grown in acceptance in the United States and Canada as well as in Japan. It would complete the educational picture already so well portrayed there in the Christian institutions of secondary and college level.

"A Christian University will be welcome in Japan. It is realized that rehabilitation in the long run rests especially upon new leadership. A Christian University with its several colleges for medicine, social sciences, the humanities and other fields, would reflect generous teamplay by victor nations.

"The Committee for a Christian University in Japan, as well as its Advisory Committee of educators, will in the ensuing months concentrate upon plans for bringing into being this intellectual and Christian bridge between ourselves and the Japanese people."

MISSOURI HAS SUCCESS WITH ATTENDANCE PLAN

The Missouri Council of Churches has found a partial solution to the problem of increasing church and Sunday school attendance among boys and girls with their "Attendance Plan," used in cooperation with the public schools.

Miss Martha M. Miller, Children's Worker of the Missouri Council, conducted experiments with the plan in 30 public schools in her own county during the winter of 1945, and found that through the use of the plan in those schools Sunday School attendance increased about 20 percent.

The plan makes any child, regardless of his faith, eligible for an award if he attends religious services regularly.

The procedure calls first for an endorsement of the plan by the county public school superintendent. The teachers are then furnished with attendance cards for each child in the elementary grades. Each Monday morning the teacher asks each child to mark his Sunday school attendance of the day before on his card. The plan begins the first Sunday in October and continues for twenty-five Sundays. Awards are given on the basis of the number of Sundays attended.

Last year twelve Missouri counties used the plan. This year the number has increased to 20. In one county, every elementary school is using the attendance cards this year. A few rural teachers have started Sunday schools in the schoolhouse on Sunday afternoon because no church was near enough for the children to attend. The program is not compulsory but it was found at one county teachers' meeting this year that 35 teachers out of the 60 present asked for the cards.

Up to the present time, the attendance plan has been used only in rural areas and small communities and no attempt has been made to introduce the program to the larger cities.

BEER SALE AT GAMES BANNED

No beer was sold at the football game between the University of Kansas and Texas Christian University, according to RNS. The decision was made as the result of a request by the Kansas City Council of Churches. Rev. Albert B. Denton, Secretary, said that while the Council did not care to launch a campaign and was not rabid, it believed the sale of beer should be banned at football games in the stadium.

CWS Medical Supplies Save Lives in India

An air shipment of emergency medical supplies sent to India by Church World Service has arrived and is "already in use and saving lives," according to a radiogram just received here.

The supplies, including penicillin, anti-tetanus serum and anti-gas gangrene serum, were flown to India in charge of returning mission board executives. The trip took a little more than a week.

This shipment is the first under a new plan of Church World Service to implement a program of famine relief and prevention, as well as aid to political-religious refugees. Dr. E. D. Lucas, already on the way to Bombay, is the newly named director for CWS in India and Pakistan. He will be in charge of administering the CWS aid in both India and Pakistan.

LOS ANGELES YOUTH HAVE INTER-RACIAL SPORTS NIGHT

The youth of Los Angeles have taken another step toward better racial understanding with their Sports Night program, serving as many as 150 young people of all age groups and racial backgrounds.

The activity, held on the fourth Monday of each month, started over a year ago with a group of 30 junior high young people, and has grown into a regular event, attended by junior and senior high groups and young adults, some married and with children.

Sponsored by the Group Work Division of the Los Angeles Church Federation, Sports Night offers an opportunity for young people to meet for wholesome recreation, including volleyball, basketball, badminton, ping pong and a glee club.

Farmers Send Overseas Relief

Through CWS "Christian Carloads"

IN ANSWER to the announcement of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that unless 6 to 10 million tons of grain go immediately to the world's needy areas, the now inadequate diets of tens of millions of people will sink to ever lower levels this winter, farm people throughout the country are rising to meet the crisis. Cooperating with Church World Service in their "Christian Carloads" rural relief program, thousands of farmers are donating part of their harvest to be shipped overseas to the areas threatened with starvation.

Wheat, corn and cotton are being sent by the ton to Europe and Asia. Oklahoma has collected and shipped more than 13,500 bushels of prime wheat valued at \$33,000. The chairman of the Kansas "Wheat for Relief" drive has called for donations of at least one percent of the total crop this year—which will amount to between two and three million bushels. Jefferson County, Iowa, churches sponsored a Sale for Relief at which they raised \$1,398.08 through the sale of donated items. The Birmingham (Alabama), Council of Church Women has a program under way to send a shipload of syrup overseas. Everywhere people in rural communities are organizing to contribute to the campaign.

The "Christian Carloads" plan started at a church meeting in a small town outside of Chicago, when one member, moved by stories of overseas need, got to his feet and said he would give a bushel of wheat from his farm. Others pledged the same amount, and soon a carload had been contributed. The plan grew, and is now sponsored by Church World Service as a part of its overseas relief campaign.

The CWS project functions through the state or city council of churches, which organizes the community on a broad base, getting civic, business and service groups to cooperate. The farmers bring their grain to the elevators, specifying what portion is to be set aside to be shipped overseas. Churches and civic organizations cooperate to raise the funds to pay the transport charges. When a carload is collected, CWS headquarters in New York is notified and instructions are given as to where the produce is to be sent—to a mill for processing, or to a port for shipment abroad.

In addition to the tons of grain being shipped, many other farm products are being collected, including peanuts, cheese and milk (in dried form), syrup, dried fruits, cotton and flax.

Contributions have poured in from farmers in the Midwest and South, from Oklahoma, Colorado, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Alabama, Nebraska, and from Texas. Auctions, food sales and campaign dinners help to raise the money to pay freight costs. The success of the campaign thus far has proved that Americans in rural areas are doing their share to keep the hungry millions in other parts of the world from starvation.

TAFT URGES FULL SUPPORT FOR FOOD CONSERVATION DRIVE

The churches of America were called upon to "seize the moral initiative" in the national voluntary food conservation program, in a statement issued by Charles P. Taft, President of the Federal Council. At the same time in a telegram to President Truman, Mr. Taft expressed confidence "that the great majority of Americans will respond to more bold and adequate measures to meet the relief crisis."

Text of the telegram sent to the White House:

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is committed to support of vigorous action by the United States to share available food supplies with hungry people overseas, even if this means a temporary reduction in our standard of living. We have already urged our people to intensify their relief efforts. There is doubt among our church leaders that the measures thus far proposed are drastic enough to kindle the imagination, enlist the moral will of our people, and assure adequate supplies for shipment abroad. We are confident that the great majority of Americans will respond to more bold and adequate measures to meet the relief crisis. We pledge our earnest efforts to muster among our church people the understanding, sympathy, and moral determination to make the most of whatever opportunity is provided by the government for meeting the world food crisis.

Text of the Message to the Churches:

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has called for bold and vigorous action by the United States to meet the overseas food crisis this winter.

There are widespread doubts that the measures thus far proposed by the government will be sufficient to assure the sending available relief supplies in time. I believe, however, that church people should not wait for a perfected government program. The food crisis does not tarry. It is imperative that our churches seize the moral initiative to make the most of the voluntary program now put forward.

The President's Committee has proposed a number of ways whereby individuals and families can reduce the direct or indirect waste and consumption of wheat and grain supplies in general. I urge our church people not only to accept these measures as moral obligation, but also to consider additional steps to conserve the bread-stuff which spell the difference between death and life for men, women and children abroad. Let us impose on ourselves meatless and wheatless days and use more vegetables and fruit. Let us make our church supper occasions for practicing self-denial. Let us set an example in the community to which all men of goodwill will respond.

Sharing our food with hungry people overseas does not involve injury to the health of our people. It does require self-discipline. It does require understanding, sympathy and determination. What better opportunity could we ask for, to make a personal contribution to world relief today and world peace tomorrow? I would like to place this personal responsibility, this opportunity for Christian service upon the conscience of every member of our churches.

Later, after the details of the food conservation campaign were announced, Mr. Taft sent a telegram of support to President Truman, reporting that appeals were being sent to the heads of denominations and to state and city councils of churches, urging "vigorous efforts to secure conscientious observance" of the conservation program.

CWS ASKS OFFICIAL THANKSGIVING APPEAL

President Truman and the 50 state and territorial Governors were urged to make overseas relief part of their 1947 Thanksgiving proclamations, in a telegram from Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, Executive Vice-President of Church World Service.

Dr. Warnshuis said in the telegram that "if it is forcefully called to their attention, members of all faiths will enjoy their Thanksgiving more if they share it with under-nourished children, the aged and ill, in war devastated lands."

The telegram officially launched the "Share Your Thanksgiving" appeal of the American churches, made each year by Church World Service on behalf of the churches.

ECONOMIC GROUP HAS FIRST MEETING TO PLAN FUTURE WORK

The Department of the Church and Economic Life held its initial meeting October 2 to 4 in Philadelphia. Of the 28 members present 21 were laymen and 7 clergy. Mr. Arthur S. Flemming, the chairman of the Department, presided.

Because it was the first time the Department members met together, there was no fixed agenda or preparation for discussion topics. This afforded full opportunity for the members themselves to set the pattern and direction which the Department will take. It was felt that the main outcome of an initial meeting is to begin to lay the foundation on which later meetings and work may build.

The formulation of the basis for Christian thought and action in economic life was felt to be a primary current need. Along with this is a clarification of the approach and methods which may be taken by the churches in dealing with specific economic issues and conditions. As a means of getting into these needs as well as because of its immediate importance, much time was spent on the spiraling cost of living. It was recognized that this is central both to our domestic well-being and to our obligation to needs overseas. The contribution which the Department members who are economists made to this discussion was particularly appreciated. This approach to the responsibility and work of the Department revealed several lines of thought which have been assigned to small sub-committees to work upon in preparation for the next meeting in March.

The Pittsburgh Church Conference follow-up was discussed at some length. Strong approval was voted to the holding of Weekend Study Conferences and One-Day Institutes on

the Church and Economic Life in cooperation with state and city councils of churches.

The Philadelphia meeting has been generally characterized by those present as being "a good start."—CAMERON P. HALL.

Conference Planned On Homes for the Aged

In an effort to discover the common problems facing homes for the aged, and to explore the possibilities of continued professional consultation, the Department of Christian Social Relations will sponsor a National Conference of Protestant Homes for the Aged at the Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 20 and 21.

According to Dr. Beverley M. Boyd, executive secretary of the department, over 750 invitations will be issued to board chairmen and superintendents of the 385 Protestant homes for the aged throughout the country. Denominational executives who have general supervision of their denomination's homes and outstanding secular leaders concerned with such homes, including government and private agency representatives, will also be invited.

The decision to hold the conference was made at a Washington meeting of 19 denominational executives.

NBC DECISION PRAISED

A letter of commendation to the National Broadcasting Company for its decision to stop broadcasting crime and mystery programs until after 9:30 p.m., has been authorized by the Wilmington Council of Churches.

CORRECTION

We are indebted to Professor Clarence Bouma of Calvin Seminary for correcting the title given to the group picture including John Calvin, which was on the cover of the October issue of the BULLETIN. We derived the title

from the agency from which we obtained the picture. Apparently there was a mistranslation of the original French. The title should read "Colloquy at Geneva in 1540" instead of "John Calvin Confers With the Geneva Council." As Professor Bouma well observes, "The quartos and folios would appear to be more at home at a theological colloquy than at a meeting of the Geneva Council!" Professor Bouma has the picture card from which the photo was made.

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dynamic; we need to help and help now, before it is too late.

I write this appeal, not with tear-jerking sentimental motive but as a Christian pastor who wants to minister in the name of the world's only Saviour, Jesus Christ. I send these words as a preacher who pleads with America for mercy and justice and a still greater demonstration of Christian love. Believe me, won't you, the hour is late. The crisis may soon come and then it may be too late.

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Award To Be Made For Community Cooperation

The Oregon Council of Churches has decided to make a special annual award to the Oregon community whose churches have made the most significant advance in interchurch cooperation during the year. The purpose of this action is to encourage the churches of every community to think to-

gether in terms of service projects to benefit the entire community. Details of the award will be worked out by the executive committee headed by Dr. Chester Hamblin of Salem, president of the Oregon Council.

Among the reports submitted at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, that of the Social Relations Committee provoked the widest discussion. It was voted to receive the report, which contained the following specific recommendations: (1) That social action committees be organized throughout the state on a community-wide and interdenominational basis. (2) That the Council work for the repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1922, now directed at Japanese, and which is about to separate American-born Japanese from their families. (3) That efforts be made for the enactment of a Civil Rights law and Fair Employment Practices Act to protect the fundamental rights of minority groups in Oregon. Several recent instances of discrimination were given.

Achievement Reported For Voluntary Council

While the St. Joseph Council of Churches is directed by a staff of non-salaried officers, just as our County Councils are, the report of achievements during the past year reads like a report of big cities where they do have employed staff members.

A few of the extracts of the report: (1) The enrollment of Leadership Education school was 423, with 22 course cards issued. (2) Weekday classes in religious education were provided for grades 4, 5 and 6 of the public school, taught by teachers employed by the St. Joseph Council. The enrollment was 1,468 out of a possible 1,721, making the percent of enrollment 84.2%. (3) In the Youth Division a Christian Service Club was organized of the young people in the constituent churches who are planning on full-time Christian service. Fellowship meetings are held in which each one seeks to help the others. (4) A newspaper advertising program, often a full page in size, was carried each Saturday evening in the News-Press.—*Missouri Church News.*

New Year Book Ready

The new 1947 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches has just come from the press. It was edited by Dr. Benson Y. Landis under the auspices of the Federal Council. The price is \$3.50 a volume and all orders should be sent direct to the publisher, the Sowers Printing Company, Lebanon, Pa.

The Yearbook includes a Calendar of the Christian Year up to 1951, Directories of Religious Bodies, Cooperative Organizations, Seminaries, Colleges and Religious Periodicals. It also includes Statistics of Organized Religion and much other material of interest to ministers and lay leaders.

KANSAS CHURCHMEN SUPPORT COUNCIL WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Laymen and church leaders in Chase County, Kansas, are proving their interest in the new workshop series sponsored by the County Council of Religious Education, by the real effort they are making to attend the meetings regularly. One member had to travel 25 miles over dirt roads for the first meeting on October 8.

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Connecticut Council Has New Laymen's Organization

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Connecticut Council of Churches in November will witness a significant addition to the ecumenical program of that state—the first meeting of a new organization of laymen to be known as the Connecticut Council of Church Men. When 200 representatives from over the state met in a Laymen's Assembly last May to consider plans for their new organization, it was decided to hold the first meeting in conjunction with the state council meeting, and to ask the nominating committee to bring in a proposed slate of officers for the new men's council.

In their organizing session the churchmen voted to be a department of the Connecticut Council of Churches, in order to be an integral part of the official interdenominational machinery of the churches. The purpose of the new group, as reported in the *Connecticut Church Councilor*, is as follows: "Aid in developing men's clubs in every local parish where such do not exist; state denominational men's fellowships; a department to be known as a local council of churchmen in every local council of churches. . . . It is concerned with instilling religious ideals in community life, with evangelism, and with Christian citizenship as the only true foundation of democracy. It will work for full inter-faith fellowship with all religious bodies in our state."

The temporary executive committee is headed by Mr. Philip Bliss, an in-

surance executive, who has been active in spearheading the movement.

ERIE OFFICERS ARE LAYMEN

Since its organization in 1940, the Erie (Pa.) Council of Churches has placed special emphasis on the importance of the layman in church leadership. At present, for example, all six officers of the council are laymen, and of the thirty-three directors, nineteen are laymen, nine are clergymen and five are women, according to Rev. G. Weir Hartman, Executive Secretary.

Thirty-nine churches and five affiliated organizations are represented on the Council and are carrying on the activities of the united churches through the various departments, which are headed by both the clergy and laymen.

When the Council was formed in

1940 a part-time executive was procured, a plan which was followed until late in 1945 when a full-time executive headed the organization. Since June, 1946, Mr. Hartman has served as executive secretary.

The yearly budget is now nearly ten times the amount available when the Council was organized.

Among the activities of the Council are the planning and conducting of a 15-minute radio program, "Today's Inspiration," which is broadcast five days a week over a local station, and the publishing of a 16-page monthly newspaper, *The Erie Churchman*, which is the voice of Protestantism in the city and surrounding areas. The affiliated Youth Council sponsors inter-faith rallies and weekly Lenten services in churches near schools.

The main project engaging the attention of the Erie Council at this time is the development of a National Christian Teaching Mission, which will be held November 13-20, with Rev. Harry C. Munro of Chicago as director. Thirty-seven churches already are enrolled for participation in the Mission.

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Until recent months, when a chapel was moved to Los Alamos from a nearby Army base, religious services for all faiths were held in a theater. At the present time, worship and Sunday School services are being held at various hours in the chapel, in nursery and grade school quarters and in theaters. The Protestant religious program has been under the direction of Chaplain Sangrey.

Final plans for the establishment of the new church are expected to be completed within the next two months. At a general public meeting of the congregation, a tentative constitution was turned over to a "committee on further procedure" which will work out details and prepare the final draft.

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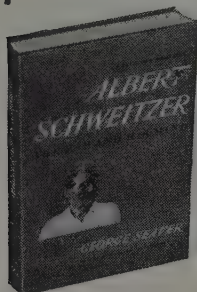
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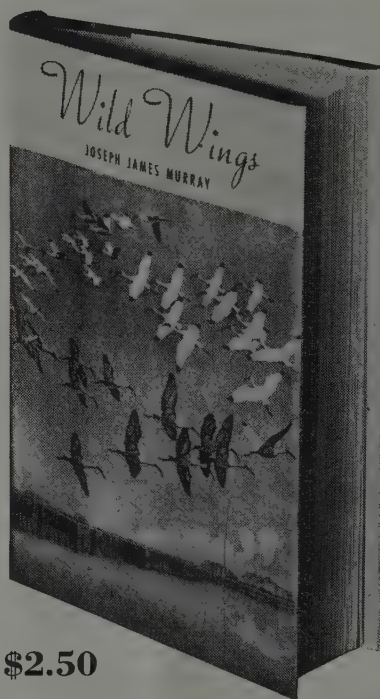
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AMONG THE NEW BOOKS

Why I Am For the Church

BY CHARLES P. TAFT, Farrar, Straus, New York, 1947. \$2.25

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The average churchman will be interested in Mr. Taft's views on such problems as labor relations and international economic affairs. But we commend especially his discussion of the contributions of Protestantism to democracy, both in history and in the contemporary scene. He reviews in considerable detail the development of democratic principles in England under the influence and leadership of the Puritans and others. Understanding the Christian sources of the values in

our democratic way of life, he is troubled about the prevailing secularism of our society, especially in education.

Being a layman, Mr. Taft lacks the theological training and the carefully discriminating vocabulary in theological matters that we are in the habit of expecting from clergymen. But no fair-minded reader can fail to see in


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It is a series of admirable addresses and sermons and should be useful to anyone who seeks to understand the ablest Christian thought at the present time.

The Bishop of Chichester, who wrote the life of Randall Davidson, is the author of some of the best volumes on the ecumenical movement and a prominent member of the Provisional

Committee of the World Council. He was President of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work, at the time of the World Conference on Church, State, and Society at Oxford in 1937. —H.S.L.

It So Happened

By MURIEL LESTER. Harper & Brothers. \$2.00

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During the war, Muriel Lester was in her homeland—Great Britain—where she traveled about, meeting with and speaking to the different groups

of the F.O.R. Considerable space given to the effects of the bombing of the cities of her country. She describes vividly the bombing of that part of London in which Kingsley Hall is located. She and her sister, Doris, have operated Kingsley Hall for many years in one of the underprivileged parts of London.

In her travels the author meets many distinguished world leaders. She describes these leaders most interestingly and gives to the reader many of her conversations with these world figures.

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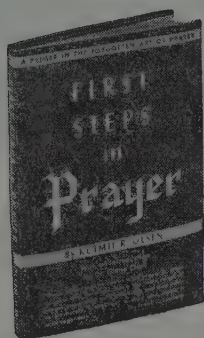
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(THE COLE LECTURES FOR 1946) BY UMPHREY LEE. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1947, \$1.50.

When the President of Southern Methodist University undertook to prepare these lectures for delivery at Vanderbilt University he set out to discuss some original and fundamental thinking about democracy and its implications for religion. The book is good reading for ministers, but it must be read very carefully if the argument is to be followed.

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by improving the type of citizen which the majority represents. Reviewing the course of judicial decisions, he finds a trend toward the position that the majority can do practically anything it chooses, the restraint being only in the public conscience itself. "What could be done," he says, "if a secular majority decided that organized religion were dangerous to the peace and safety of the commonwealth seems to me plain enough."

The relation of the state to religion the author sees coming to the fore in a way to challenge many accepted practices. The fact is that "there has not been that separation of church and state which so many seem to think is inherent in our form of government." But in the present situation we are forced to face the possibility of a sharp limitation of religious liberty when religion is "confronted with a secular state in which many, if not a majority of the population, are, at the least, indifferent to all faiths, and in which many object to the moral standards of the church."

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The relation of religion to public education is discussed with full appreciation both of the serious conse-

quences of a growing secularism and of the separation inherent in our political system between Church and State. In this reviewer's opinion the author does not give due weight to the possibilities within the school system of overcoming religious illiteracy by the objective study of religious institutions and of religious literature. The report of the Committee on Religion and Education of the American Council on Education, which appeared since the lectures were given and treats the subject in detail, may well be read against the background of Dr. Lee's well balanced discussion.

Some wise counsel is given to ministers in the matter of participation in political controversy. The author believes in a free pulpit and recognizes that many issues arise in a secular society on which the church comes into confrontation with the state. Yet he warns against a too facile assumption that the preacher can be a political mentor.

Education is needed as well as prophecy, and the churches should foster the development of lay opinion on issues that concern the Christian conscience. F. ERNEST JOHNSON

Physicians of the Soul:

A History of Pastoral Counseling

By CHARLES F. KEMP, Macmillan, 1947.

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The presence of minor errors at

some points is inevitable in a volume of such scope, as in the author's unawareness of the development of the Church Conference of Social Work. The only serious question a reviewer can raise with Mr. Kemp is one he must have asked himself at the beginning. Should a book of this kind describe, or should it also evaluate from a stated perspective? For the most part the author has chosen the former course, and probably the wiser. Sometimes the result is, however, to lump together the work of men of many degrees of ability and creative contribution. But as a brief descriptive history of the development of pastoral counseling, something we have needed for many years, *Physicians of the Soul* should be widely read for years to come.—SEWARD HILTNER.

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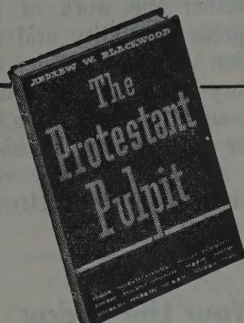
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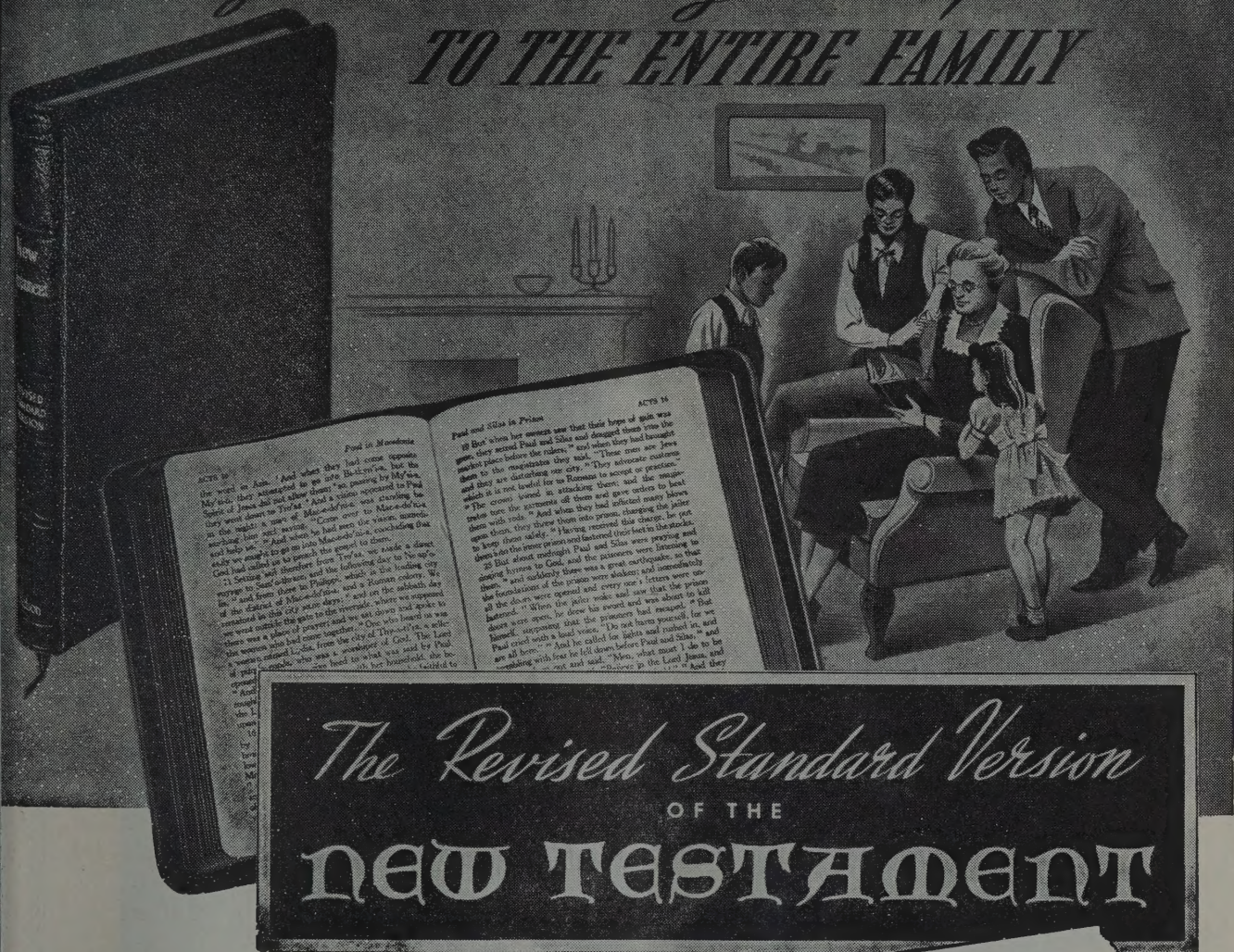
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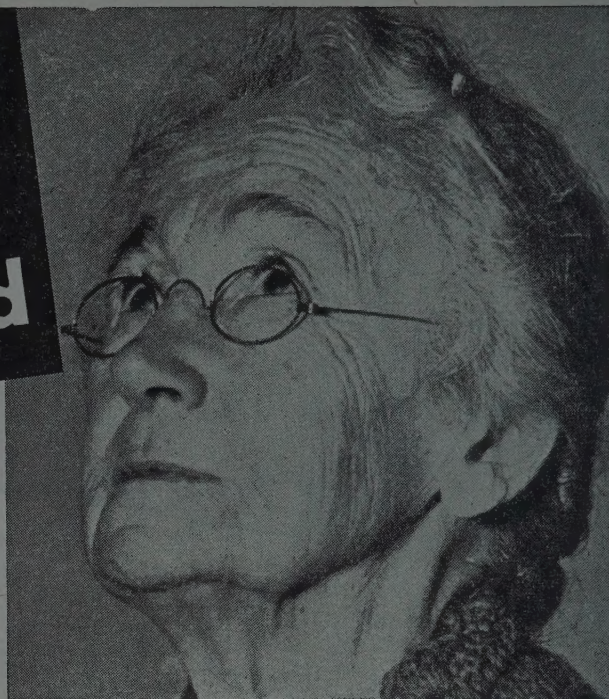
6 "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. When you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. And they

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